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**USAID's Administrator to inaugurate
Food for Work program in El Alto**

The Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Andrew Natsios, who is currently visiting Bolivia, will inaugurate a program to benefit more than 10,000 families in El Alto. This program is part of a major Public Works effort developed by the Bolivian government and USAID. The inauguration ceremony, to take place on Tuesday 10, will be also presided by the Prefect of La Paz, Nicolás Quenta and the Mayor of El Alto, José Luis Paredes.

This program provides funds and food to generate temporary jobs through a variety of public works that include reforestation and cleaning up of parks, garbage collection, repairing of water canals and sewage systems, repairing of schools and health centers, paving of streets and construction of sidewalks.

U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia, David Greenlee, and USAID's Director in Bolivia, Liliana Ayalde, will also participate in the program's inauguration ceremony. The program will receive \$US 1 million and 923 tons of food valued at \$US 500,000 from USAID's Title II program. This project, which last three months in El Alto, will be administered by three NGOs: ADRA, CARE and Save the Children. During the program, 22,500 food portions will be given to approximately 10,000 families in El Alto.

This new effort from the U.S. Government, through USAID, is a component of a rapid action plan devised to help the Bolivian government respond to the needs and priorities of poverty-stricken social sectors.